GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:163
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RELEASE OF POISONOUS CHEMICALS IN YAMUNA
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the flow of poisonous chemicals in Yamuna resulting in the death of thousands of fish;

(b) if so, whether the Government have identified the erring companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken against each such company; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) The Government is aware ofthe incident of fish deaths in river Yamuna on 13th and 17th June,2002 in the stretch from Agra to Bateshwar. Mathura Refinery is the only major industry located in the stretch besides some small scale industries. The Refinery already has an effluent treatment plant which discharges the effluent as per prescribed standards.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.